Affairs Notification G.S.R. No. 52 (E), dated the 24th January, 1989, publishing the Arms (Amendment) Rules, 1989 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-7715/89]

Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited Calcutta and related papers

SHRI M.M. JACOB: Madam, on behalf of SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Birds Jute and Exports Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1987-88, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Miss Saroj Khaparde is laying her own papers.

Report and Accounts (1986) of the Lala Ram Sarup Tuberculosis Hospital, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Lala Ram Sarup Tuberculosis Hospital, New Delhi, for the year 1986, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Hospital.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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STATMENT BY MINISTER

Withdrawal of Money from Contingency Fund of India for Depositing in Delhi High Court in compliance with its order

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Madam, An advance of Rs. 47,73,000/- is being sought from the Contingency Fund for depositing in the Delhi High Court by 9th April, 1989 in compliance with its order dated 30th January, 1989 passed in Execution Case No. 158/88 "Abdul Wahid & Others -*Vs*- Union of India". No provision could be made for this unforeseen Charged expenditure in the Budget under "Demand No. 44" and it was too late for inclusion in the last batch of Supplementary Demand for the year 1988-89.

The Delhi High Court decided the case

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against the Government holding that the procedure followed in acquiring the land under Resettlement of Displaced Persons (Land Acquisition) Act, 1948 was defective and void. The Department has already filed an appeal against the order before the Division Bench and the same is still pending. The court has, however, directed that decretal amount should be deposited in court by 9th April, 1989 irrespective of the Appeal. Hence it is proposed to withdraw an amount of Rs. 47,73,000/- from contingency Fund.

Re. Laying of Thakkar Commission Report on the Table of the House

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Madam Deputy Chairman, yesterday the leaders of the Opposition submitted their views in respect of the Thakkar Commission Report. Broadly, they placed two alternatives before the Chairman, before the Government for their consideration. One alternative was, as you know, the entire material pertaining to the Report which includes memorandum, minutes, annexures and so on along with the investigation report should be made available to us so that we can have a meaningful, purposeful, realistic discussion. The second alternative was if they do not agree to place the entire material before Parliament - they should at least take the leaders of the Opposition into confidence and show the entire material to us to come to our own judgment in regard to sensitivity, confidentiality or otherwise of any part of the Report. But, unfortunately, both these choices, which we had put before them were truned down for no reason. Our stand is we cannot have a full debate, and we cannot discuss all the issues raised in these two Reports before us because of the innumerable references made to other documents. Therefore, I, on behalf of the entire Opposition would again....

[**Mr. Chairman** in the Chair]
Sir, I am referring to.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: I was listening to you.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: So, I would continue.

I would like the Government to respond to our request. Either they should place the entire material on the Table of the House, or, if they don't do so, they should take us into confidence and bring the entire material before us and we will discuss it among ourselves before we arrive at any conclusion. Therefore, I would like to know the view of the Government in this matter before we proceed further. In our view, there cannot be a useful discussion unless the entire material is made available. We are not going to be a party to a truncated discussion which will not in any way lead us to any conclusion in the matter. So, may I know from the Government—the Home Minister is here—whether they are prepared to place the entire material, including the investigation report before us.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, yesterday, I, along with other colleagues of mine had, categorically stated that even for arguments's sake if it is accepted that certain parts of the report should not be laid on the Table because of their sensitivity by nature or confidentiality by nature, in the national interest, we are second to none in protecting the national interest. So, when even certain parts of the suppressed reports are finding way to the newspapers, let the leaders of the parties and groups be taken into confidence. Let it be shown to them in the chamber of the Chairman. I am completely confident that here the leaders are all sensible persons and they know what is sensitive and what is not. If it is sensitive, then surely they will keep it so sensitive and keep it confidential, but let the leaders be taken into confidence.